As could be seen from the above the shortfall in production and distribution is insignificant.

Indo-Soviet Agreement to Develop Oil Technology

575. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Soviet Union have reached an agreement to develop a sophisticated systematic technology to determine oil deposits in the prospective basins in the country;

(b) whether a Soviet team of experts headed by noted geoscientists visited India in January, 1988 to help ONGC experts in developing the technology; and

(c) if so, to what extent this technology has helped India so far in determining the oil deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil Refinery at Karnal

576. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up oil refinery at Karnal (Haryana) has been shelved by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in taking up project and by when the work is likely to be taken up and the period by which the project is likely to be completed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two Joint Venture partners *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. & Tata Chemicals Ltd., a Detailed Project Report (DPR) was submitted by them in May, 1988. The DPR was examined by the Government and the Joint Venture Company was asked to incorporate material relating to evaluation of different processing schemes, some detailed engineering etc. in the DPR which is essential to arrive at a realistic cost estimate and time frame for project implementation. Target date for completion has not been fixed.

Complaints Against Petrol Pump Dealers and LPG Agencies of Delhi

577. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and Petroleum Companies have received a number of complaints regarding corruption, rude behaviour, malpractices etc., against some Petrol pump dealers and LPG Agencies located in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number and nature of the complaints which have been received against each company during the last three years; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oil Marketing Companies have received complaints against Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) Dealerships and LPG Distributorships during the last three years. These complaints generally relate to rude behaviour, short delivery, product contamination, over-charging, non-availability of